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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of :
 Jacques PERNOT, ET AL. :
 Application No. 10/580,373 :
 Filing Date: May 23, 2006 :
 For a Patent for a :
 DENTAL HANDPIECE WITH A BODY FORMED :
 FROM A SINGLE PIECE AND COMPRISING :
 AN ELECTRONIC AND ELASTIC ELEMENT :
 FOR CONNECTION BETWEEN THE MECHANICAL :
 TRANSMISSION ELEMENTS AND THE HEAD :
 OF THE INSTRUMENT : September 5, 2006

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is being filed to advise the U.S. Patent Office of information which may be considered "material to patentability" in examining this patent application, in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

This application is derived from International Application No. PCT/FR2004/002392, and was filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371. The following documents are noted for being

cited in the Search Report issued during the international stage of the PCT Application:

U.S. Patents

5,902,105 (Uejima et al.) - Issued: May 11, 1999

5,897,315 (Matoba et al.) - Issued: April 27, 1999

5,575,647 (Grubbs) - Issued: November 19, 1996

U.S. Patent Application Publication

2002/168610 (Papanek et al.) - Published: November 14, 2002

Foreign Documents

EP 0 937 440 (Ora Innovations Inc.) -

- Published: August 25, 1999

EP 0 322 896 (Nakanishi Dental Mfg.) -

- Published: July 5, 1989

FR 799 430 (Dethes) - Published: June 12, 1936

Copies of the above-listed documents should already have been received by the U.S. Patent Office, and a PTO-1449 form has been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement to facilitate the Examiner's acknowledgement of the above-listed documents.

The U.S. Patent Office is further advised of an earlier search which was performed relative to French Patent

Application No. 04/03047, the priority of which is claimed in connection with the present application. A copy of the issued Search Report, No. FA 647469, is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement. The documents cited in the French Search Report duplicate the documents cited in the PCT Search Report.

The U.S. Patent Office is additionally advised of an earlier search which was performed relative to French Patent Application No. 03/13899, the priority of which is also claimed in connection with the present application. A copy of the issued Search Report, No. FA 641390, is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement. The documents cited in this French Search Report duplicate documents cited in the PCT Search Report and in the French Search Report No. FA 647469.

The U.S. Patent Office is also advised that the present application was co-filed with an application derived from an International Application, No. PCT/FR2004/002334, filed September 15, 2004. The U.S. application derived from International Application No. PCT/FR2004/002334 has since been assigned the U.S. Patent Application No. 10/580,372. A Search Report issued for International Application No. PCT/FR2004/002334, and a Search Report (No. FA 641668) issued for French Patent Application No. 03/13900, the priority of which was claimed in connection with International Application No. PCT/FR2004/002334, cite the same documents, including:

Foreign Documents

EP 0 322 896 (Nakanishi Dental Mfg.) -

- Published: July 5, 1989

FR 2 393 564 (Buermoos Dentalwerk) -

- Published: January 5, 1979

Copies of the foregoing Search Reports and foreign documents have been enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement for due consideration in this matter. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document is available with reference to the Search Report which cites the non-English language document.

French Patent Application No. 03/13900 was published under the No. 2,863,862 on June 24, 2005, and a copy of FR 2,863,862 is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement.

Page 1 of the specification for U.S. Patent Application No. 10/580,372, at line 11, also refers to EP 0 174 695, which was published on March 19, 1986, and which is commonly owned with the present U.S. Patent Application. A copy of EP 0 174 695 is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement. EP 0 174 695 was cited as an example of an arrangement for attaching a dental instrument in a handpiece to catch the instrument in a head which rotationally guides the instrument, providing a concise explanation of the relevance of this non-English language document.

Due consideration of the foregoing documents is respectfully requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a)(2). It is further respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of these documents by initialing the PTO-1449 form (1) which is enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement, and that the Examiner provide applicants with an initialed copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form to confirm the consideration of all listed documents.

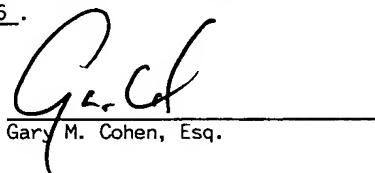
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